

RUSHVILLE CITY UTILITIES
601 W 3RD St.
Rushville, IN 46173

Minutes of the Utility Board Meeting, January 15, 2014
The Utility Board met at the Utilities Business Office at 5 p.m.

In Greg Coffin's absence, Michael Singleton called the meeting to order.

Roll Call was taken.

Board Members Present:

Michael Singleton
Tim Sheehan
Brian Bess

Phil Starkey and Greg Coffin were absent.

Others present:

Les Day	Facility Manager
Gina Jenkins	Office Manager
Geoff Wesling	Utilities Attorney
Michael Pavey	Mayor

The minutes from the December 17, 2013 meeting were tabled due to Tim Sheehan and Brian Bess's absence at the December meeting and Greg Coffin and Phil Starkey who were present at the December meeting being absent at the January meeting.

Les Day reviewed the Utility report for the month of December 2013. The unaccounted loss for December was at 17%. Also, Les told everyone that the lower unaccounted loss included 3 water main breaks, so hopefully the percentage will be lower for January.

The Water Operating report did not show N.P.D.E.S. violations for the month. There were 18.65 million gallons of water pumped, with 18.08 million gallons of water treated. Water plant personnel responded to 13 service calls for billings and customer requests. There were 34 customer requests to check for leaks. There were 3 requests to check for frozen meters. There were 10 line locates. There were 47 connects and 55 disconnects for the month, with the total customers being 2,733.

The Operating Report for Wastewater showed no N.P.D.E.S. violations for the month. There were 52.94 million gallons of wastewater treated, for the month. It was reported that there was a total of 5.93 inches of precipitation, for the month.

There were 4 sewer complaints checked. There were 1,500 feet of sewer mains cleaned from sewer complaints. 0 gallons of septic sludge was accepted for the month of December. There was no dye tests ran.

Les told everyone that there was a customer concern that he wanted to discuss. Randy Clifton at 415 W 9th Street has had a leak since August 2013. Les and the City Utilities servicemen went to the property when the leak was discovered to evaluate where the leak was. They told Mr. Clifton that the leak was not at the meter pit and that it was in his water lines. Mr. Clifton was told that he would receive an adjustment for the sewer portion of his bill after the leak was fixed. Mr. Clifton had called when he received his January bill to complain about his bill being so high, and again was told that he needed to get the leak fixed before an adjustment could be made. Then Mayor Pavey received an e-mail from Mr. Clifton's mother, voicing her concern about her son's water bill. After discussion of the matter, the Board members felt that Les and other City Utilities personnel have tried to work with Mr. Clifton to resolve the problem. Les told everyone that he would make another attempt to talk to Mr. Clifton and explain to him that the leak needs to be repaired.

Greg Coffin had checked the claims for the month on Monday, but was not present at the meeting. Tim Sheehan reviewed the claims in Greg's absence. Tim motioned to approve the claims. Brian Bess seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Les told everyone that during the flooding before Christmas, the water level had gotten so high at the Well field that the propane tank that supplies the generator had tipped over and also there was damage to the generator's control panel. The cost to repair everything was \$2,500.00. It was suggested that the pad at the Well field be raised higher in case of future flooding.

Mayor Pavey spoke to everyone about a lawsuit from the Attorney General's office concerning piping used in the Water tower project and also the State Road 44 and State Road 3 projects. It is suspected that contractors had fixed the pricing on the piping used certain projects. Newhouse & Newhouse had requested information on these projects from Les Day to turn into the Attorney General's office. Les had forwarded information from Hannum, Wagle & Cline, who was the Engineering company used for the water tower project. Other information will have to come from INDOT for the two State Road projects, but Les has not received any information from them yet.

Then Mayor Pavey discussed the leak at The Chamber of Commerce building. They have asked that City Utilities put in a shut-off valve for them. Les said that a shut-off valve will be installed.

Mayor Pavey has been working to negotiate the breach of contract between City Utilities and Plymate Inc. He told everyone that Plymate had agreed to a settlement of \$1,587.69 and that they will invoice City Utilities for this balance.

Brian Bess motioned to adjourn. Tim Sheehan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be February 19, 2014 at 5 p.m. at the Utilities office.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.